

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
GRIFFIN ROOM, TOWN HALL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015
6:30 P.M.**

APPROVED

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Brown, Cebula, Hughes, LaMantia, MacAskill

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Assistant Town Administrator Charleen Greenhalgh, Ginny Hewitt, Robbin Kelley, Eric Beebe, Matt Hart, Clem Smith, Frank Crowley, Cynthia Eldredge, and others.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Hughes.

Chairman Hughes noted that Item A under New Business "Revisit Section 6 – Hours of Work of Finance Director/Town Accountant's Employment Contract" would be postponed for a couple of weeks.

WEEKLY BRIEFING

Ms. Hewitt reported that the lights are back on at the Library and they have returned to the normal hours. She thanked everyone who assisted during the power outage. Chairman Hughes complimented Ms. Hewitt and her staff for the way they handled this extraordinary event.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes –
 - 1. October 13, 2015 Regular Meeting
- B. Award FY16 Road Salt contract to Eastern Minerals in the amount of \$75.35 per ton delivered
- C. Accept resignation of Peter deBakker as the Planning Board's representative to the Community Preservation Committee.
- D. Appoint James Atkinson as the Planning Board's representative to the Community Preservation Committee on a temporary basis
- E. Accept resignation of Robin Wilkins from the Harwich Housing Authority
- F. Accept various gift donations to be deposited into the Saquatucket Harbor Demolition/Beautification Account in the amount of \$150.00
- G. Appoint Amy Duffy as alternate representative to Cape Cod Municipal Health Group

Ms. Brown moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Ms. Cebula seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/PRESENTATIONS (*Not earlier than 6:30 P.M.*)

A. Annual Meetings:

- 1. Waterways Committee – Matt Hart, Chair

Mr. Hart delivered the annual report of the Waterways Committee.

2. Golf Committee – Clem Smith, Chair

Mr. Smith delivered the annual report of the Golf Committee.

3. Recreation and Youth – John Mahan, Chair

Mr. Crowley delivered the annual report of the Recreation and Youth Committee.

4. Cemetery Commission – Cynthia Eldredge, Chair

Ms. Eldredge delivered the annual report of the Cemetery Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

A. West Harwich School RFI – *discussion and possible vote*

Mr. Spitz outlined the changes to the document. Ms. Cebula moved to accept the West Harwich School RFI as written and get it sent out. Mr. MacAskill seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Revisit Section 6 – Hours of Work of Finance Director/Town Accountant’s Employment Contract – *discussion and possible vote*

This item was postponed for two weeks per the Chair.

B. Wastewater Educational Moment - *discussion*

1. Review Chatham Sewer Regulations

Chairman Hughes asked Mr. LaMantia and Mr. MacAskill to go through the regulations and identify pertinent issues. Mr. Clark recommended sending the document to Dave Young and the Wastewater Implementation Committee.

2. Capital Outlay Summary (overview of request)

Mr. Clark outlined the document and took comments from the Board. No action was taken. The Board took comments from Mr. Harlow.

3. Community Partnerships – Wastewater Treatment

Mr. Clark stated that the town of Dennis is planning to construct a facility at their landfill. He noted that Dave Young has suggested we explore partnering up with Dennis. Chairman Hughes suggested that Mr. Clark reach out to his counterpart in Dennis.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

A. Brooks Free Library electrical issues – *update*

Mr. Clark reported that the electrical issues at the Library have been resolved. He noted that Sean Libby will be following up with the company to see if something can be done to avoid that happening in the future. Chairman Hughes said we should ask them what it would take to rebuild the board because a lot of the parts are just fine and it might be worth having one standing by as a spare.

B. Saquatucket Harbor & Albro House donations – *update*

Mr. Clark reported that the total amount received for the Albro House Gift Account is \$1,732 and the total received for the Harbor Demolition/Beautification Fund is \$3,850.

C. Bike Path & Trails maintenance – *update*

Mr. Clark reported that Mr. Hooper has scheduled to do some of the painting of the stops and he thinks even the measurements that the Board had alluded to and he said he was going to do a review of the roots and their negative impact on the trail. He noted that the paving plants close during the month of November so we'll have to look at the order of magnitude and what kind of budget submissions have to be made.

D. Request to consider ordinance to deal with “eyesore” properties – *discussion*

Mr. Clark noted that there was a request from a citizen to deal with eyesore properties. He said he would like to discuss this with staff as he thinks we have some protocols to actively address these issues. He said we may want to see if the Board wants to set a policy to help guide those protocols. Chairman Hughes cautioned that these are property rights and who are they to judge them. He commented that if a facility becomes a public nuisance or the taxes are way behind, you might want to do something but just because a building looks bad he doesn't think that's the direction we want to go in.

E. Road Safety Audit – *update*

Mr. Clark reported that he attended a Traffic Safety meeting and there was a discussion regarding the intersection of Route 39 and Pleasant Bay Road. He noted that he had earlier recommended putting in a roundabout there but the Board had asked him to look at other measures and to that end we are going to do some line painting and lane configuration to try to make that area safer. He said a suggestion was made by someone in attendance at the meeting from the County to have a Road Safety Audit done to see what the available options are. He stated that the audit would include accident and speed data and would be done by the Commission at no cost to the Town.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hughes adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Steidel
Recording Secretary
Board of Selectmen minutes
October 26, 2015

Related Documents - October 26, 2015 BOS Meeting

- 01 Agenda.pdf
- 02 Minutes.pdf
- 03 Road Salt Contract.pdf
- 04 Resignation of P. deBakker.pdf
- 05 Appt of J. Atkinson.pdf
- 06 Resignation of R. Wilkins.pdf
- 07 Recreation & Youth Report.pdf
- 08 Cemetery Commission Report.pdf
- 09 West Harwich School RFI.pdf
- 10 Employment Agreement - Gould.pdf
- 11 Chatham Sewer Regs..pdf
- 12 Capital Outlay Summary.pdf
- 13 Gift Accounts.pdf
- 14 Bike Path & Trails Maintenance.pdf
- 15 Complaint re Private Property Upkeep.pdf
- 16 Road Safety Audit.pdf